

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Abebe during the July 2, 2004 telephonic interview. The points discussed are incorporated into the above amendments and following remarks, as well as in the Summary of Record Interview, which is filed herewith.

Claims 1, 2, and 181-189 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to clarify the invention. No new matter has been added. Support for the amendments may be found, for example, paragraphs 52 to 55 of the pending application, wherein the Applicants discuss creation of the preferred audio signal (first signal) and the remaining audio signal (second signal) as well as broadcast or recordation of these separate signals.

Claims 1, 2, 182, 186, and 188 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 4,799,260 to Mandell *et al.* (hereinafter "*Mandell*"). Claims 181 and 185 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Mandell* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,809,472 to Morrison (hereinafter "*Morrison*"). Claims 183, 184, 187, and 189 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Mandell* in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,583,803 to Cole (hereinafter "*Cole*"). Applicants assert, as discussed with the Examiner during the telephonic interview of July 2, 2004, that the amendments identified herein clarify the claims and distinguish them over *Mandell*. *Mandell* fails to disclose, in any fashion, the concept of a first prerecorded signal, the first signal recorded to comprise substantially vocal signal information and a second prerecorded signal, the second signal recorded to comprise substantially information other than the vocal signal information of the first signal, as recited in independent claim 1 and similarly recited in independent claim 2. Accordingly, the 35 USC § 102(b) rejection of claims 1 and 2 should be withdrawn.

Morrison does not overcome the deficiencies of *Mandell*. *Morrison* relates to selective reduction of the data rates of speech and non-speech audio by respective compression techniques based upon the information content of a signal. *Morrison* fails to disclose a first prerecorded signal, the first signal recorded to comprise substantially vocal signal information and a second prerecorded signal, the second signal recorded to comprise substantially information other than

the vocal signal information of the first signal, as recited in independent claim 1 and similarly recited in independent claim 2.

Cole does not overcome the deficiencies of *Mandell*. *Cole* relates to motion picture process and films having wide-screen aspect ration frames. The film frames are substantially the same width as conventional frames transversely of the film and approximately half as high lengthwise of the film. *Cole* fails to disclose a first prerecorded signal, the first signal recorded to comprise substantially vocal signal information and a second prerecorded signal, the second signal recorded to comprise substantially information other than the vocal signal information of the first signal, as recited in independent claim 1 and similarly recited in independent claim 2.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants submit that independent claims 1 and 2 define patentable subject matter. Claims 181-184 and 185-189 depend from independent claims 1 and 2, respectively, and therefore, also define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants request that the 35 USC § 102(b) rejection of claims 1, 2, 182, 186, and 188, and the 35 USC § 103(a) rejections of claims 181, 183, 184, 185, 187, and 189 be withdrawn.

Applicants assert that all claims are in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 202-220-4393 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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